

6443. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Southern Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8367. I. S. No. 9203-1.)

On September 17, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Southern Cotton Oil Co., a corporation doing business at Little Rock, Ark., alleging shipment by said company, under the name of the Humphreys-Godwin Co., on or about March 27, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Dixie Brand Cottonseed Meal," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Fiber (per cent)-----	14.8
Protein (N x 6.25) (per cent)-----	36.6

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Guaranteed Analysis. * * * Protein 38.62 to 43% * * * Crude Fiber 8 to 12%," borne on the tags attached to the sacks regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article contained not less than 38.62 per cent of protein and contained not more than 12 per cent of crude fiber; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained not less than 38.62 per cent of protein and contained not more than 12 per cent of crude fiber, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained less than 38.62 per cent of protein and more than 12 per cent of crude fiber, to wit, protein approximately 36.6 per cent and crude fiber approximately 14.8 per cent.

On January 8, 1919, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*